

Illinois Department of Children and Family Services
Institutional Review Board Meeting
Minutes
August 25, 2020

ON PHONE

Dr. Margaret Scotellaro
Robin Albritton
Tammy Fuller
Arricka Newingham
Kim Mann
Rocell Cyrus
Brooke Taylor

EXCUSED

Janet Ahern
Janet Chandler

CALL TO ORDER

Brooke Taylor called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Kim Mann made a motion to approve the minutes June 23, 2020.

Rocell Cyrus seconded the motion and a unanimous vote from the remaining board members carried the motion.

NEW PROPOSALS

Ka Ho Brian Chor. *Evaluation of DCFS Therapeutic Foster Care – AMENDMENT.*

Very minor amendment – change the principal investigator; changed end date and changed pool of those in the study.

No concerns.

MOTION: Tammy Fuller motioned to approve the proposal.

Dr. Margaret Scotellaro seconded the proposed motion and a unanimous vote from the remaining board members carried the motion.

Marjorie Fujara. *Collaboration of Helpers Lowering Deaths of Children (Project: C.H.I.L.D.).*

Needs data sharing agreement. Need an understanding of what they are going to do – fatalities in 3 counties – over a span of a 5 year period. Try to develop predictive models to predict which children are likely to have a fatality in those 3 counties. Also limited to children aged 3 or younger. Concern that fatalities are a rare event in general in the entire state (not very many that die of child abuse and neglect) So when you narrow that to 3 counties, and then narrow it even further to those 3 and under, the numbers will be so

low a) not develop any predictive model and the variables listed that don't know how to develop a predictive model. Based on what was in the proposal.

Using a framework put together by someone and the intent behind it was to look at the very unique microvariables around communities, taking the notion of community context to look at theoretically put resources in those communities. Prior to us looking at locations for Family First sites and if we could get something, possibly look at the indicators, we might get something more robust. We could take it down to very specific within a county.

Would have been nice to have more explanation of that in the proposal. No real detailed information about what other sources of information would be included in the predictive model. Asking for street address of the child that died or had serious injury, maybe that's how they are going about it.

Looking at public health data – break the models down by geography. Maybe we can ask some of the questions that Tammy is raising to offer more clarification. Curious how they are going to get around the small sample size issue. Can't imagine that there will be more than a handful of these instances.

Very well-designed study. Everything laid out well.

MOTION: Motion made to table the proposal.

Justin Harty. *Fatherhood in Foster Care: Black Fathers Aging out of Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Care -- AMENDMENT.*

Basically, just changing it to telephone interviews due to COVID.

No concerns.

MOTION: Kim Mann motioned to approve the proposal.

Arricka Newingham seconded the proposed motion and a unanimous vote from the remaining board members carried the motion.

Sue Pickett. *Eastern Illinois Intact Family Recovery Program Evaluation.*

No concerns or questions. Pretty straightforward. Already have IRB approval from their institution.

MOTION: Dr. Margaret Scotellaro motioned to approve the proposal.

Robin Albritton seconded the proposed motion and a unanimous vote from the remaining board members carried the motion

OTHER:

Robin Valenzuela Report. No concerns.

Theodore Cross Manuscript. No concerns.

Next meeting re-scheduled for September 22, 2020 at 2 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.